

However, anyone operating a motor vehicle which does not belong to him or her and which is not properly registered shall not be prosecuted if, after being issued the citation, he or she pays the tax and properly registers the vehicle. The logic is kind of difficult to follow, but I suggest to the Legislature that these inequities be considered. AM1175 was introduced in the Transportation Committee as LB 410 had a full hearing in which there was no opposing testimony and passed by an 8-0 vote. AM1175 would include an operator of a motor vehicle in the section which requires prosecution on the offense to cease if the vehicle were properly registered within a ten-day period. A couple of years ago when this law was passed there was some confusion and I think it was...the intent that the operator should also be included but it wasn't, therefore, opening the door to prosecution of those persons who are driving a car. For instance, if I was driving Senator Chambers' car and he did not have it properly registered or licensed, he would not be fined, but I would for driving his car. So it is something that I believe was overlooked and I believe it should be stated with the operator in the amendment as I have stated to you. And following up with this, the rest of my time I'll give to Senator Chambers and he can elaborate on it a little more because he was instrumental in getting this legislation passed. Thank you.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Janssen did explain very adequately what is being done here. The original amendment, when the law became what it is now, provided a grace period because sometimes people neglect to renew their registration. There was no opposition in any quarter to saying that the owner would be given this grace period. It means that if you're ticketed for improper registration and within ten days you get the registration and produce it, the prosecution is not carried on. All that Senator Janssen is doing is saying that the same grace period operates in the interest of a person who may have borrowed that individual's car. If the owner is given the grace period and it is the owner's responsibility to do the registering and that grace period goes to that owner, certainly somebody who merely drives the car should have the same grace period extended. I support Senator Janssen's amendment. He caught one of those lapses on my part and is correcting it. We're now covering the